

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Modern Living.

Modern living is a complex affair greatly in contrast with the simple modes of life of the earlier Americans and of their immediate descendants. All the appliances which have been invented—especially during the past generation—to give heightened comfort to the home, and to make labor easier have added to this complexity of living and most materially to its cost. How materially, one would hardly believe until he had studied the matter for himself and discovered beyond a question that today a man cannot support a wife and bring up one child living in a comfortable and not at all lavish manner, upon what his ancestor would have considered sufficient to rear a large family. He cannot do it on what it cost his ancestor of only two generations ago. As men and women are educated and taught to think for themselves they will no longer follow blindly the lead of the so-called "fashionable" set, but will recognize the charm of independent modes of thought and life, and will permit themselves to live according to their own ideals and in their own ways. They will see the folly of attempting to imitate the methods of the millionnaire or professional man, but will live their own lives, happy in doing the things which they really care to do, instead of the things which they do just because somebody else does them.

What Does Our Town Need?

As one who reads and admires your Home Circle Department and who believes it is moulding public opinion and doing good, we would contribute a few thoughts, taking for our text: "What is the best thing that could happen to our town in 1918?"

If there are circumstances to be changed, or evils to be averted, it is folly to hide our heads—ostrich-like in their presence. It is not sane nor safe to simply paint the pump of a poisoned well or shoot the faithful dog for barking at the burglar. "No man liveth to himself." Somebody was responsible for the inquisition of the Inquisition—for the hell and holocaust kindled on the sacred path of the happy holidays. The cause causeless shall not come. Not earthquakes, famine or tempest, but man himself is his own worst foe, and greatest menace to his kind. Man's inhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn. Everyone helps to mend or mar the fabric of the future. Water does not go higher or get better than its source. Human effort strives in vain to purify the stream of life if a hog happens to be hidden in the fountain. Only good trees produce good fruit. The magnolia pouring perfume from a hundred thousand chastened cups received its strength and support from roots beneath the soil and its sweetness from the dew. So our security rests upon the ground and granite virtues of truth, honor and fidelity, our success is a quotation or worship, righteousness and charity from above. Business clubs, labor unions, political parties, social guilds and ecclesiastical machinery have their place and part; but they stand only in the gentle court while integrity, industry, patriotism, friendship and true religion occupy the heart's "holy of holies"—the royal arcana of the soul. "Get right with God and do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

What our city needs in 1918, and all along the weary waste of years—is a "Pentecost of Spiritual Responsibility," a clearer vision of moral oughtness; a vice-like grip on the eternal and ethical imperative; a fresh baptism of brotherliness; every able hand faithfully employed at fair compensation; saintless honesty in every business house; peace, purity and plenty in every home; a vacant jail, full schools and church; empty (better still so) saloons; cars and dice relieved from their active service; every humber retired from duty as soon as their copyrights expire; the papers realizing that many things not known as news are richly worth attention and worth passing as the news before a curious public ought to perish in a founding on the inhospitable doorstep of friendless notice; stores closed on Sunday—giving clerk and proprietor opportunity for home, sociability reading and religion; respectable citizens so keeping the Sabbath and obeying law—human and divine, in letter and spirit, that the evil inclined of the community may be shamed into courses of law and order or at least find no encouragement or extenuations for his violation. And finally exalt, more and merit above money; become aware of enlightenment above entertainment; reverence above cold calculation; God above our greatness; greed or glory. For righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.

If these suggestions meet with your approval will be pleased to read them in your Home Circle Department.

A READER.

The test of our heroism must come some time in every human life this problem must be decided. That no world exists, that stars gleam, that flowers bloom, that men live, are no more actual realities in the realm of fact than that before every one is placed the choice of good or evil. It is within the province of every individual to say whether his character shall be luminous or lustreless. And in the hour when the valley of decision is entered, and choice must be made, comes the test which must determine whether he or she is of heroic mould. The pathway of human existence is lined with wrecks of those who could not stand the test when the supreme hour came. When they heard the call they could not say, "Here am I; send me." It may have involved a sacrifice which they deemed it cruelty for them to be called upon to make. Why forego the pleasure of the moment with so little prospect of satisfactory substitution? The opportunity lost—then the long period of regret.

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CLUB FOR SOLDIERS

Americans Find Comfort in British "Blighty Corner."

Is Conducted by Women and Has All Facilities of an Up-to-Date Club.

Paris.—One place which many American soldiers visit in Paris is the British "Blighty Corner," officially known as the "Foyer du Soldat Anglais." It is conducted by a group of English and American women as a place where Canadian, Australian and New Zealand soldiers who cannot go home for their ten days' leave may find a welcome. It has all the facilities of an up-to-date club, with perhaps a little more of the air of "home" than an ordinary club. Tea is served every afternoon to all comers by the wives of British officers and there is every afternoon and evening a program of music and entertainment.

"My visit has given me much pleasure," wrote the prince of Wales in the visitors' book. "Ditto," wrote the duke of Connaught.

On the occasion of the duke of Connaught's visit the cheers of the Canadian soldiers were so lusty as to offend the ears of some of the residents of a fashionable hotel in the Place Vendôme nearby. They filed a complaint with the police, but the police replied: "They are authorized to make as much noise as they please. The British soldiers were not told to make less noise when they blew up the mines at Messines."

Twice a week the men at "Blighty Corner" are taken to visit the old corners of Paris. An interesting incident occurred this week when a party visited the Church of Jeanne d'Arc. The priest presented them with souvenir medals representing Joan of Arc. "But there are only three Catholics among them," he was told. "It does not matter," replied the broad-minded priest. "They all serve the same Master and General."

"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"



The photo shows American soldiers cleaning up in a village "Somewhere in France."

TRAIN OVER SLEEPING BABY

Infant Near Ocean City, Del., Was Unhurt and Began to Cry When Picked Up.

Whaleyville, Del.—Asleep in the middle of the railroad track, a 2-year-old girl escaped injury when a fast train bound to Ocean City passed over it.

The train, running about 60 miles an hour, was in charge of Engineer L. H. Wallace. He did not notice the child until only a few feet away. Brakes were applied, and the trainmen ran back and picked up little Annie Kosh, fully dressed and sound asleep, lying face downward.

The child had to be awakened and immediately began to cry. Not a scratch was found on her, notwithstanding the fact that a locomotive and five coaches had passed over her. The child was a member of one of the families working in a canning factory near Mardela.

MINE FIELDS MENACE NORWAY

Ownership of Drifting Agents of Destruction Is Matter of Doubt.

Christians.—Drifting mine fields are reported along the whole Norwegian coast from Listerland eastward. Off Hailo, 20 mines were seen drifting north to Christians fjord, and from Hailo many explosions have been heard.

The drifting mine fields are surrounded by a mass of drifting wreckage. Norwegian motor boats have salvaged many casks of wine, margarine and whale oil.

The ownership of the drifting mine fields is a matter of doubt. Certainly nobody is anxious to claim them, for they do not conform to the rules of The Hague convention, which prescribes that mines shall be so constructed that they become harmless when adrift.

MAKES FOOD PLANS

France Is Arranging for Supplies for 1918.

All Shipping Will Be Used for Necessities—Need 122,000,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Paris.—The purchase abroad and transportation of about 122,000,000 bushels of wheat and other cereals is one of the problems of France for the campaign of 1918. Four hundred thousand tons of shipping a month will be required for the importation of supplies the country must get on the outside.

The realization of this problem will be partly accomplished through the unified allies' purchasing board, eliminating more and more private trade with the country; the development of a ministerial department of supply will eliminate commissary department buyers, while increasing stringent measures regarding shipping will increase the tonnage available for this object.

Successive decrees now have compelled every shipowner to obtain a navigation license prescribing the particular route for each vessel and the categories of merchandise destined for the government that it would be required to take on board on each voyage, and also giving the secretary of state for merchant marine powers to limit transportation charges on products essential to the life of the country.

Henceforth all tonnage under the French flag will be systematically divided between the different categories of indispensable products. In order to assure the utmost regularity of supply. Certain voyages which were of no great utility to France have been stopped, and the transportation of coffee and other products of secondary utility to a nation at war have been suspended. Orders have been given that cotton and tobacco must be bought from the nearest market.

Navigation between France and the colony of Madagascar will be greatly reduced, and the French lines to Cuba, Argentina, Brazil and New Orleans will be reduced as regards the number of ships or sailings suspended altogether.

As a result of these measures 180,000 tons of additional shipping have been placed at the disposition of the provisioning department, and the tendency is more and more toward the intense compression of the navigation service so as to make every ton of burden count for the utmost.

STARS AND STRIPES CHEERED IN PARIS

Paris.—The Stars and Stripes still stir up big demonstrations of enthusiasm in the French capital, even though months have elapsed since the United States entered the war.

The grand finale at the Folies Bergere the other night brought out the flags and national anthems of the allied nations in a George Cohan. The British colors and "God Save the King" brought a demonstration and a large number in the audience rose to their feet. The Italian, Belgian, Rumanian, Serbian, Russian and Portuguese flags all brought applause.

Uncle Sam had the big place in the tableaux. When a pretty girl strode on the stage waving the Stars and Stripes and the orchestra swung into "The Star Spangled Banner" the house went mad. A Canadian soldier proposed three cheers for the Yanks. Uncle Sam received an ovation that would have gladdened the hearts of Americans everywhere.

MISTAKE FISH FOR U-BOATS

Submarine Chasers Spend Much of Their Time Chasing After Blackfish.

Cleveland, O.—A great percentage of the U-boats sighted by merchant ships going through the submarine zone are just healthy, deep-sea-going blackfish on their way to dinner engagements.

That is why all submarine chasers spend much of their time chasing fish mistaken for submarines.

Lieut. Howard Vickery, home on furlough, expressed that opinion. And Vickery ought to know, for his chaser cruised 23,000 miles after the German sea terrors. His ship is in dry dock now and he has a few days' furlough.

"The U-boats do not bother the American sailors half as much as the mines," he said.

"Many torpedoed ships are lost," he continued, "when they might have been saved, because their skipper steamed frantically ahead after being hit until their own speed causes the water to rush in so fast that all the air-tight bulkheads are caved in."

Daughters Save His Corn.

Ravenna, O.—Five daughters of William McKenzie, aged sixty, cut 15 acres of corn, shocked it and saved the crop which Farmer McKenzie feared would be lost owing to his illness. These modern daughters of Ceres include Mrs. Elsie Shrader, Mrs. Cora Thompson, Mrs. Grace Jackson and Mrs. Ruth Selmer of Alliance, and Miss Clara McKenzie, who lives with her father.

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